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CEN42 — HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. Write the nature of English language.
  2. What are the four Indo European languages?
  3. Who is the father of English language?
  4. Why has the English language change?
  5. Which was the first English dictionary?
  6. Who spoke English in Middle English period?
  7. Define Standard English.
  8. Name two foreign words used in English.
  9. Why is English a world language?
  10. Which country contains the largest English-speaking population in the world?
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SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Where did the Indo European family language originate and when?

Or

- (b) Write the features of English language.

12. (a) Write the expansion of English vocabulary.

Or

- (b) Define the semantic changes in English grammar.

13. (a) Write a note on early modern spelling and pronunciation in English.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the history of spelling.

14. (a) Explain the foreign influence on English language.

Or

- (b) Write about the Greek influence in English language.

15. (a) Explain briefly with examples how British English is different from American English.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on English as a foreign language.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Draw and explain Indo European family of languages.

17. Trace the growth of English vocabulary.

18. Trace the history of English spelling.

19. Write an essay on the influence of Greek in English language.

20. English is a world language — Explain.